



ORLANDO SCIENCE SCHOOLS

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Orlando Science Schools (OSS) is to use proven and innovative instructional methods and exemplary reform-based curricula in a stimulating environment with the result of providing its students a well-rounded middle school and high school education in all subject areas. OSS will provide rigorous college preparatory programs with special emphasis in mathematics, science, technology, and language arts.

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Principal's Corner

Dear Students & Parents,

Welcome back to another school year here at OSS. We are very excited to see our new 6th graders and our returning 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th graders!

Parents please note the early dismissal days below to ensure that your students are picked up at the correct time.

Home visits will resume this year. If you would like to schedule a meeting at home with your student's teachers, please see the information below.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and again welcome back!

Sincerely,
Dr. Akin

As Helen Keller said, "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement, nothing can be done without hope and confidence"

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Lost and Found

Parents, please make sure that all of your student's belongings are clearly labeled with their name. Items left unclaimed, without a name, are donated to charity after two weeks.



Dress Code

Please remember that the policies and procedures of OSS are described in the first section of the agenda. All students were given an agenda and the Social Studies department reviewed the information on Friday, August 26, 2011, with all students. On Monday, August 29th, all students will take an open agenda quiz on policies and procedures.

Birthdays

Students can dress down on their birthday. If their birthday falls on a weekend, they may dress down the Friday before. Students must still follow the guidelines in the policies and procedures section, pgs. 29-30. Under no circumstances are student allowed to bring items to share (cupcakes, pizza, cake) on their birthday to share with other students, in the cafeteria, classroom, or dismissal area.



OSS EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS



Twice a month (the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month),
OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**

6th/8th grade dismissal will be at **12:43 pm. (UNLESS SPECIFIED)**

7th/ 9th/10th grade dismissal will be at **12:53 pm.**

Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:45pm,
after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm.

Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15pm.

After school care is available after 5:15 pm.

The cost associated with this is as follows:

***5:15-6pm \$10**

***6:01-7pm \$15**

September 7, 21

October 5, 19

November 2, 16

December 7

January 4, 18

February 1, 15

March 7, 21

April 4, 18

May 2, 16

June 4, 5, 6, 7 (LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL)



OSS Facts That You Should Know

****Changes have been made to start & dismissal times****

1. **6th/ 8th Graders now start at 8:00am and 7th, 9th, 10th graders start at 8:05 am. You can still drop students off as early as 7:30 am.**
2. Parents, if you happen to change your phone numbers, e-mail addresses or move, please update Ms.Becc with the current information. It is very important that we have your current phone numbers and e-mail addresses on file. Please call Ms. Becc at 407-253-7304 ext 100 with any changes or updates.
3. **If your student arrives after 8:30 am you must come in and sign your student in at the front desk.**
4. If your student needs to leave early for an appointment please send a note in the day before or at least the morning of and give to Ms. Becc. Ms. Becc will e-mail the teachers and let them know that your child will be leaving early. If it is an emergency and your child needs to leave early, please call Ms. Becc so she can have your child available. Please leave a message on the voice mail if Ms. Becc is not available to answer the call, she will get the message.
5. If your student is absent please send a note in with them and turn it into Ms. Becc.
On the note please have the date you are writing it as well as the dates that the student was absent.
6. Parents, please make sure that you are checking your e-mails as well as your spam mail. Some of our teachers will start e-mailing you and the e-mails may go to Spam the first time.
7. **OSS uniform will strictly be upheld at all times.**
Your student may dress in regular school appropriate clothes for their birthday. Please notify Ms. Becc the day before.
8. **Parents, if you need to meet with any staff member, you must have an appointment. (Please no walk-ins)**
***To meet with a teacher, you need to email the teacher to set up an appointment.**
***To meet with administration, you need to email or call Ms. Becc for an appointment.**
Please keep in mind that directly before and after school is not a good time due to arrival/dismissal of students.
9. Parents, if you would like to have lunch with your student please notify Ms. Becc 24 hours in advance.
10. Parents, if you would like to sit in your students classes for a day please notify Ms. Becc 48 hours in advance for authorization.
11. **OSS campus speed limit is 5mph. This is strictly enforced for the safety of all.**
12. **Dismissal starts at 2:43 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria. When there is inclement weather, the dismissal process is slow from cafeteria. We do follow OCPs' 30-30 rule.**
13. **On Club days, dismissal will start at 2:43 pm.**
For students in clubs, dismissal will start again at 3:36 pm until the car line dissipates, at which time the students will be sent to the cafeteria.
14. **Twice a month, OSS will have early dismissals on Wednesdays.**
6th/8th (unless specified) grade dismissal will be at 12:43 pm. 7th/ 9th/10th grade dismissal will be at 12:53 pm.
Students may remain on campus free of charge till 3:45pm, after which time the cost will be \$10 until 5:15pm.
Regular after school care fee applies after 5:15 pm.
15. **After school care (self study) is available after 5:15pm. The cost associated with this is as follows:**
***5:15-6pm \$10**
***6:01-7pm \$15**
16. OSS is listed on the 5% Back to Schools Programs. All the parent has to do is sign-up at Office Depot (no cost is involved for signing up) and a portion of their purchase goes towards OSS. (Our Number is 70218341)

OSS HOME VISITS



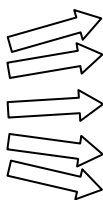
We are very happy with the degree of parent involvement we have in our school. In order to make our student, parent and teacher connection even stronger, OSS teachers researched and came up with the idea of home visits. Experience and research from all over the United States indicates that the interaction with a student's family at their home is a very effective way to help students achieve academic and behavioral progress.

If you would like to schedule a home visit or learn more about it please email Mr. Peker.

Some feedbacks about home visits from our parents.

- When we chose to enroll my daughter at OSS we were very excited as the school seemed like a closer community than the public schools that our daughters have attended. The Home Visit program is a perfect example of this concept, that families and faculty working together can provide a better education for our children by communication and interaction. Please stay in touch and let us know how we can help make OSS an even better place.
- Good Morning Mr. Sahin, I wanted to thank you and Mr. Altintas for taking time out of your schedules to visit my home yesterday. I think the home visit was beneficial and I now better understand what is in store for my daughter this school year and what is expected of her.
- Teachers make a lasting impression on a child's life and this visit showed your love and concern about my son and the next generation; with the help of good parents and good teachers we can make a difference. I have not seen such dedication and care from a school in a long time.
- We know this takes a lot of time from your personal family and this does not go without notice. With the efforts this school has shown it will be a leader in no time. Keep up the good work we look forward to many more years of building a foundation as solid as a rock.
- I wanted to send a note to let you know that we enjoyed our home visit. The home visits are a great idea and facilitate good communication between faculty, students, and parents. We had the opportunity to get to know more about upcoming events and the curriculum

To



Increase student attendance rates.

Increase student test scores.

See school-wide positive behavior

Decrease suspension and expulsion

rates.

Decrease vandalism at school.



Support
Home Visits